

**Give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good; his love  
endures forever.**

*–1 Chronicles 16:34*



**HARVEST CELEBRATIONS**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

10.00am Decoration of the Church for Harvest Thanksgiving

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

8.15am Harvest Communion

11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving – Preacher: Rev Linton

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

10.30am Senior Saints' Holy Communion

**October 2017**

## REFLECTION from THE RECTOR

Mud slides in Sri Lanka, flooding in Bangladesh, India and Nepal. Hurricane Irma which caused flooding in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Texas and Florida. Forecasts of further apocalyptic wind and waves. An earthquake rocks Mexico. Rohingya Refugees fleeing to Bangladesh. The Middle East engulfed in war with IS. North Korea threatening to use nuclear attacks against America. Terrorist attacks in Europe and our own local communities rocked by flooding.

How can this all be happening? How should we respond? And, most of all, where is God? Scripture has answers.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea." (Lk. 21:25, NIV)

Natural disasters may surprise us, but they do not surprise God. Increasing frequency of natural calamities are like the birth pangs of pregnancy—indications of an impending delivery. Christians do not know when Christ will return, but we believe we will see "...the Son of Man coming in the cloud with great power and glory. When these things (natural disasters) begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Lk. 21:27-28, NIV)

This is the time to "stand up and lift up." Lift up prayers. Lift up hope. Lift up your hearts. God is above this storm.

*The storm is coming, but God is with us. Look ahead and chart a path to safety. Look around and see who you can help.*

Turn your attention away from the crisis and, for a few minutes, celebrate God. It does you no good to obsess yourself with your trouble. The more you stare at it, the bigger it grows. Yet, the more you look to God, the quicker the problem is reduced to its proper size. This was the strategy of the psalmist:

I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:1, NKJV)

Do you see the intentionality in those words? *I will lift up my eyes.*

Do not meditate on the mess. You gain nothing by setting your eyes on the calamities. You gain everything by setting your eyes on the Lord.

This was the lesson that Peter learned on the stormy Sea of Galilee. He was a fisherman. He knew what ten-foot waves could do to small boats. Maybe that is why he was the only one to volunteer to leave the craft.

When he saw Jesus on the water through the storm he cried out, "Lord if it is really you, then command me to come to you on the water."

Jesus said, "Come."

And Peter left the boat and walked on the water to Jesus. But when Peter saw the wind and the waves, he became afraid and began to sink. He shouted, "Lord, save me." (Mt. 14:28-30, NCV)

As long as Peter focused on the face of Christ, he did the impossible. Yet, when he shifted his gaze to the force of the storm, he sank like a stone. If you are sinking, it is because you are looking in the wrong direction.

## **REFLECTION from THE RECTOR**

Is God sovereign over the hurricane?

Is he mightier than your problem? Does he have answers to your questions?

According to the Bible, the answer is yes, yes, and yes!

“God...is the blessed controller of all things, the king over all kings and the master of all masters” (1 Tim. 6:15, Phillips).

If he sustains all and controls all, don't you think he has authority over this situation you face?

Pray, armed with the knowledge that God is in control. Face the uncertain future with conviction. Our good God in heaven overseeing this stormy world. We may not be able to see his purpose or his plan, but the Lord of heaven is on his throne and in firm control of the universe and our lives.

The storm is coming, but God is with us. Look ahead and chart a path to safety. Look around and see who you can help. And look up to the God who loves you. He can be trusted with your future. And he can be trusted with your very life.

### **RECTOR 'S HOLIDAY**

The Rector will be off on holiday from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

During his holidays, all emergencies will be cover by our new Curate, the Rev Rhys Jones.

### **WELCOME TO THE REV RHYS JONES**



Our new Curate, the Rev Rhys Jones was ordained along with five other Curates at an Ordination Service in Glendermott Parish Church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. The Rector, members of the Select Vestry and parishioners would like to extend a very warm welcome to the Rev Rhys, his wife Samantha and their children. We pray that they will be very happy and be richly blessed during their time with us and likewise we as a parish will be richly blessed by their presence.

## REFLECTION from REV RHYS

Matthew 14:22-33 English Standard Version (ESV)

### Jesus Walks on the Water

*<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.*

*<sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them.*

*<sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."*



This Gospel reading cuts right to the heart of the matter and asks the difficult question: do we have real, meaningful, certifiable faith in Christ? Have we ever been willing to step out of the boat and step onto the dangerous and sometimes treacherous waters of the unknown for Christ I wonder? My family and I have faced some of those questions in our calling here to full time ministry in the city. It can be hard to take that step of faith, that step into the unknown for the Kingdom can't it? Samantha and I have taken that step and I'm glad we did.

St. Peter certainly came face-to-face with that question. As a fisher-man he certainly knew how unpredictable and perilous life's water could be. I think as adults we can all concur with that. Then, in the midst of a violent physical storm that must have left the boats occupants terrified, Jesus unexpectedly appears – walking on the waters of the lake urging Peter and his companions "Do not be afraid! Hold on to me! Trust and depend on me!" Peter, (it's always Peter isn't it?!) speaks up and says, "Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water." Jesus responds "Come."

Jesus always wants each of us to not only trust and depend in him, but for each of us to take a step of faith into the unknown for his sake. And that step usually entails entering into the sometimes dark waters of uncertainty for his Kingdom's sake. He wants us to cast aside our fears and commit to Him with a radical faith. And he is always there waiting to catch us should we stumble or fall. We are all like St. Peter; we want to walk on the water toward Jesus but the winds of doubt mingle with the inner turmoil of our own hearts, and the circumstances of our own life, to affect our faith. Peter's faith was tested – as ours is, every day. His example of *calling out to the Lord* – in faith – should be our prayer too, because every single one of us in this parish are being asked to step out into the unknown in dependence of Jesus' sovereign power. So c'mon are you ready to get your feet wet?

# WHAT'S ON: OCTOBER 2017

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

### The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.15am Holy Communion I
- 10.00am Sunday School - ASC
- 11:00am Holy Communion II
- 6.00pm Praise Service

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

- 11.00am Bible Study - ASC
- 7.30pm All Saints' Bowling Club ASC

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

- 10.00am Little Saints' ASC
- 6.30pm Beavers and Cubs -ASC
- 6.30pm Wedding Rehearsal - Church
- 8.00pm ASCA Meeting – ASC

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

- 2.00pm Knit n Natter-ASC
- 6.30pm Rainbows and Brownies-ASC
- 7.15pm Choir Practice-Church
- 7.30pm Guides - ASC
- 8.00pm Ladies Guild -ASC

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

- 10.30am Oakgrove PS Assembly
- 1.00pm Wedding - Paul Kayne and Georgina Logan
- 7.00pm Guys Club Closed
- 7.30pm All Saints' Bowling Club-ASC

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October

### The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.15am Holy Communion I
- 10.00am Sunday School - ASC
- 11:00am Morning Prayer II

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October

- 7.30pm All Saints' Bowling Club-ASC
- 7.30pm Select Vestry Meeting-ASC

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

- 9.00am Ebrington PS Assembly
- 10.00am Little Saints'-ASC
- 2.00pm Service Seymour Gdns
- 6.30pm Beavers and Cubs -ASC
- 7.00pm Pastoral Care Meeting-ASC

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

- 10.30am Saint Philip - HC
- 2.00pm Knit n Natter -ASC
- 2.00pm Service - Daleview
- 6.30pm Rainbows and Brownies-ASC
- 8.00pm Bible Study - ASC
- 7.15pm Choir Practice-Church
- 7.30pm Guides - ASC

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

- 2.00pm Service-Foyle Fold
- 3.30pm Service-Sevenoaks
- 7.00pm Guys Club-ASC
- 7.30pm All Saints Bowling Club-ASC
- 7.30pm Prayer 72 Meeting-ASC

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October

- 10.00am Decoration of church

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October

### The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.15am Holy Communion I
- 10.00am Sunday School-ASC
- 11:00am Harvest Thanksgiving

## Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October

- 10.30am Senior Saints HC Church
- 7.30pm All Saints' Bowling Club

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

- 9.00am Lisngelvin PS Assembly
- 10.00am Little Saints' ASC
- 6.30pm Beavers & Cubs ASC
- 7.30pm Fellowship Group Mtg-ASC

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

- 10.30am Mid month service – ASC
- 2.00pm Knit n Natter, ASC
- 6.30pm Rainbows and Brownies ASC
- 7.15pm Choir Practice-Church
- 7.30pm Guides-ASC
- 8.00pm 150<sup>th</sup> Catering Mtg - ASC

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

- 11.00am Churches Trust AGM
- 7.00pm Guys Club – ASC
- 7.30pm All Saints' Bowling Club-ASC
- 8.00pm Service Foyle Hospice

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

### The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.15am Holy Communion I
- 10.00am Sunday School -ASC
- 11:00am Morning Prayer II

## Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

- 7.30pm All Saints' Bowling Club-ASC

## Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

- 9.00am Ebrington PS Assembly
- 10.00am Little Saints' ASC
- 6.30pm Beavers & Cubs ASC

## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

- 2.00pm Knit n Natter -ASC
- 2.00pm SYNOD An Grainan Hotel
- 6.30pm Rainbows and Brownies
- 8.00pm Bible Study, ASC
- 7.15pm Choir Practice-Church
- 7.30pm Guides - ASC

## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October

- 2.00pm Tea Dance - ASC
- 7.00pm Guys Club - ASC
- 7.30pm All Saints Bowling Club- ASC

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October

### The Fourth Sunday before Advent

- 8.15am Holy Communion I
- 11:00am Family/Baptism Service

## Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

- 10-10pm Prayer Room – ASC
- 11.00am Bible Study-ASC

## Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

- 10-10pm Prayer Room-ASC

## SERVICES

### ALL SAINTS' PRAISE SERVICE

Our October Praise Service is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 6pm. The service makes good use of excellent modern worship songs and provides a very meaningful form of worship. The guest speaker will be Bishop Ken Good and worship will be led by our own Praise Band, 'Versus'. Everyone is very welcome to come along. **Please note there will be no Praise Service in November due to our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Service at 3pm**

### ALL SAINTS' HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Harvest Celebrations this year will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. The guest speaker will be the Rev Ian Linton, Rector of Drumragh and Mounfield, Omagh.

The Senior Saints' Harvest Celebrations will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. The speaker that day will be our new Curate, the Rev Rhys Jones. There will be a light lunch and a time of fellowship after the service.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to come along to this service and if anyone needs transport, please contact Sarah in the office.

### MID- MONTH HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

The Mid-month Holy Communion service takes place on the third Wednesday of each month at 10.30am in the All Saints' Centre. It is a service open to everyone where they receive Holy Communion and afterwards enjoy a cup of tea and a time of fellowship. This month, the service will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. We would encourage everyone to come along particularly those who can't attend Sunday Services or haven't been to church for some time. If anyone needs help with transport please contact Sarah in the parish office during office hours and we will arrange a lift.

### 150<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION SERVICE 'ALL SAINTS DAY' SERVICE

This year on "All Saints Day" Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm, All Saints' Clooney will officially celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the consecration of this beautiful church.

### PARISH BIBLE STUDY

A Parish Bible Study is held on alternate Wednesday evenings with a new time of 8pm and Monday mornings at 11am in the All Saints' Centre to provide the opportunity for parishioners to learn more of the Bible's teachings and to be more equipped to live out the faith in life. We have a good number of people who come regularly, but there is room for many more. All of us could benefit from sound Biblical teaching. The Bible study is run in a warm friendly atmosphere; you will not be asked to answer any questions and if you prefer just to sit and listen that is fine. There is a cup of tea and a time for a wee chat at the end.

The dates for October Bible studies are as follows

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 11am

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – No Bible Study

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 11am



## **MEETINGS**

### **ASCA**

An ASCA meeting will be held in the All Saints' Centre on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 8.00pm. Can all members please attend.

### **LADIES GUILD**

The next meeting of the Ladies Guild will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. The speaker will be from the Rainbow Rehoming Centre.

The following people are asked to provide supper on this date. Please discuss among yourselves what to bring. Lynn Buchanan, Elizabeth Philson, June Mills, Helen Henderson, Catherine Hamilton, Mary Cowan and Violet McClean

### **SELECT VESTRY**

A Select Vestry meeting will be held in the All Saints' Centre on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Can all members please attend.

### **PASTORAL CARE TEAM**

A meeting of the Pastoral Care Team will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in the All Saints Centre. The Rev Rhys will be at the meeting and all Pastoral Carers are encouraged to come along.

### **PRAYER 72**

The next Prayer 72 meeting will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the All Saints' Centre.

### **150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY 'ALL SAINTS DAY' 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

There will be a meeting to discuss the arrangements of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Service on "All Saints Day" on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. At the meeting we will discuss catering arrangements, parking, choir etc. Anyone who is involved in catering, parish organisations or would like to help in any way at this historic occasion is encouraged to come along.

This meeting will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm and is open to everyone. You will be made most welcome.



### **ALL SAINTS' FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the All Saints Centre

### **HOSPICE CHAPLAIN'S MEETING**

The Rector will be attending a Hospice Chaplain's meeting in Newry on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The Rev Rhys Jones will cover all emergencies.

### **DIOCESAN SYNOD**

The Diocesan Synod will be held in the An Grainan Hotel, Burt, Co Donegal on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. The Rector and Curate will both be attending Synod. Members of the parish who are synod members are also required to attend.

## PARISH REGISTER

### BURIAL

#### 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPT ~ BILLY MC NEILL

Died peacefully after a short illness in Altnagelvin Hospital, late of Mourne Drive, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved Husband of the late Mary (Mamie) and Loving Father and Grandfather.

#### 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPT ~ EVA CARRUTHERS

Died suddenly at Altnagelvin Hospital. Beloved wife of Les late of 6 Rosstown Park. Loving mother of Trevor and Jacqui, dear mother-in-law of Tracey and a devoted grandmother of Erin, Zoe, Emma and Lewis.

#### 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPT ~ PATRICIA CAMPBELL

Died as the result of an accident, beloved partner of David, loving mother of Kylie, Noel, Jennifer, Sharon, Amanda, Terri-Lee and Alice, much loved daughter of David and Barbara and a dearly loved grandmother.

#### 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPT ~ WILLIAM JOSEPH (CECIL) PENTLAND

Died peacefully at Altnagelvin Hospital in his 90th year (surrounded by his loving family) dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth (Bessie), devoted and much loved dad of Georgina, Richard, Ruth, Robert and David, loving father-in-law of George, Nicola, Stephen, Daphne and Shirley, cherished granda and great-Granda, dearest brother of the late Percy.

#### 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPT ~ LENA LYLE (NÉE KANE)

Died peacefully at Altnagelvin Hospital. Late of Woodburn Park. Dearly loved Mother of Daphne, Moira, Alex and Jeff and the late William. Dearly loved sister, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPT ~ WILLIAM JAMES (WILLIE) NORRIS

Died peacefully, in Altnagelvin Hospital, after a long illness, late of Manning Way, Brigade, beloved husband of May, devoted father of Robert and Catherine, father-in-law of Stuart and Caroline, loving grandfather of Joshua, Autumn-Louise and Matthew.

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPT ~ ETHEL DOUGHERTY (NEE MC FAUL)

Peacefully at her home 44, Woodburn Park (surrounded by her loving family after an illness courageously borne) dearly beloved wife of Alan, much loved mother of John, Mervyn, Victor, Janice and Hazel, loving mother-in-law of Linda, Caroline, Derek and Gordon, devoted granny and great-granny, precious sister of Jean, Chris, Eileen, Victor, Betty, Rosemary, Ernie, Hazel, Mavis and the late Margaret, dearest sister-in-law and aunt.

### IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Over the past month there have been a large number of bereavements. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who have lost loved ones, we trust that the Risen Lord will bring comfort and peace.



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*



# PARISH REGISTER

## MARRIAGE

31<sup>ST</sup> AUG ~ DAVID LESLIE KILLEN AND ALISON NAOMI LOUGHERY

## BAPTISMS

### SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

#### JAY JERRY RUTHERFORD

Son of Jason and Eimear, 3 Brunswick Road  
Baptismal Gift £40

#### ASHLEY CROFT

Son of Mark and Lucy, 49 Heron Way  
Baptismal Gift £20

#### THEODORE JOSEPH LYNCH

Son of Gareth and Leonie, 41 Ivy Mead  
Baptismal Gift £10



## DONATIONS in memory .....

#### In Loving Memory of ~ William (Cecil) Pentland

Sylvia and Joel Eakin & Jennifer and Mark Docherty £30  
Doreen, Gillian and Rhonda Guy, 17 Cadogen Park £20  
The McLean Family, 44 Seventree Road £20

#### In Loving Memory of ~ Billy McCahon

Annie Simpson, 15 Melvin Court £20

#### In loving Memory of ~ Family and Friends

D Buchanan, 53 Old Mill Heights, Hillsborough £100

#### In Loving Memory of ~ a dear sister Edith Mary Goofier (nee) Birney (died 20/9/15)

Sister Hayden Logue and family, 8 Claragh Crescent £100

#### In Loving Memory of ~ Marlene Barr (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

Husband Arthur Barr, 17 Silverbrook Park £50

#### In Loving Memory of ~ Violet Armstrong

The Armstrong Family, 12 Bush Gardens £60

#### In Loving Memory of ~ William Cummings

John and Gail Gurney, 14 Blackburn Crescent £20  
Mr and Mrs J Mowbray, 2 Dorchester Park £15

### GRANT

There is a grant available for a parent whose husband or spouse has passed away. The grant is to support with the purchase of school uniforms, educational trips or school/university fees. If you think you may qualify or need further information, contact the Rector and he will be more than happy to answer any of your questions

## GOD'S BLESSING ON KIRSTY LYNCH, YOUTH & FAMILY WORKER



It was with great sadness that the Select Vestry has accepted the resignation of Kirsty Lynch from her post as Youth and Family Worker. Over the past year Kirsty has been with All Saints' she has worked tirelessly in her role.

We wish her God's richest blessing for the future as she embarks on her new career. She will always be fondly remembered by everyone at All Saints' Clooney.

### *Note from Kirsty Lynch*

*After a lot of thought and prayer I have decided to step down from the position of Youth and Family Coordinator in All Saints' Clooney Parish. I have enjoyed my time working here and would like to encourage all the children, young people and families connected with the church to continue journeying with God and developing in faith together. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped me in any way with the youth work and the children's work, particularly Holiday Bible Clubs – it has been a real privilege to work with a great team and I really appreciate everything that you did. I look forward to hearing how the parish continues to grow and I pray the celebrations for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of All Saints' will be a real blessing to the whole church community.*

### **Churches Trust Concordia Camp 2017**

The Concordia Camp offers post primary school young people aged 11-13 years an opportunity to participate in a mix of group work, adventure and residential activities. Concordia will provide opportunities for participants to explore ideas of place, nature, and heritage – all while challenging stereotypes and perceptions of 'otherness'.

Can you please contact Sarah at the Parish Office for more information.

### **Harvest Decoration - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 10am**

Every year the church is decorated for the Harvest with a faithful group of parishioners. However, this faithful group is becoming increasingly smaller.

Therefore, we appeal for other parishioners to come along and help decorate the church.

### **FLOWER ROTA FOR OCTOBER**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DONATING</b>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Winnie Kendrick
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Arthur Barr
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Sunday
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Vacant
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Vacant

If you need someone to arrange the flowers for you please contact Sarah at the Parish Office and she will be able to arrange for you.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY. WHY ME?

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September I had the privilege of witnessing a wonderful occasion, the ordination of five new servants of the Lord, and of course one of them being our lovely new Curate, Rev Rhys.

The minister who gave the sermon spoke of how we often ask ourselves the question Why me?

We all do it, in every walk of life, when faced with sickness, adversity, challenges and difficulties, we all have at one time or another asked "why me?"

This sermon rang especially true to me as I explore my own call to service, but it also got me thinking, how so often we ask Why me? when things get tough, but how often do we think Why me, when things are going good?

Why me? Why do I have the ability to play music?

Why me? Why do I find it easy to host and entertain?

Why me? Why do I find it easy to organise meetings and admin?

Why me? Why do people seem to confide in me?

Why me? Why have I been put in the position that I am in?

Why me? I can tell you now, that it isn't a coincidence! Just as the bad things in life often happen for a reason (whether we are aware of it or not!) so too do the good things, yet we rarely think to question why. We simply enjoy the benefits and get on with life.

How empowering could it be to simply stop, take stock of these gifts and think why you have been given them? Perhaps you are musical because God wants you to sing his praises and encourage others to do the same? Perhaps you are the host with the most because God needs people to welcome his most lost sheep into his flock? Perhaps you are that person who knows where everyone should be, at what time and who needs notified of what, because, well someone has to know whats going on, and God knows it!! Perhaps you are that person who people tell their woes to, because you have been given a gift and you emit a sense of trustworthiness and kindness, because we all need someone to talk to sometimes, and God knows it! Perhaps you are in the position you are in because you have an opportunity to stand up as a Christian and lead by example, showing others the way, the truth and the life of the Lord.

Why you?

Well, why not you? We are ALL called by the Lord to serve, to spread his word and his GOOD NEWS! We are all called to encourage our newest ordained ministers, to support, pray for, encourage and help. So when life is good, when life is blessed, take a moment to take stock and think two things.

1. Why me?
2. What can I do?



## **THANK YOU**

George Burns, former captain of our bowling club suffered a severe heart problem back in June at the outdoor bowling green. His heart stopped and only for the quick intervention of Jim Ross and Shaun Harkin, the green keeper, who used a defibrillator George would have died. George recovered after medical procedures and is now doing well. As a result of this there was much publicity regarding the usefulness and provision of defibrillators. Television and local papers all covered this story.

George has now donated a defibrillator to the All Saints' Caring Association knowing that we have a lot of senior people using our hall. It is simple to use and all users of the hall should familiarise themselves with it and know where it is kept. Training will be available to organisations. The cardiac specialist doctor emphasised that speed in use was essential.

The All Saints' Caring Association, the All Saints Bowling Club and Select Vestry are all very grateful to George for his thoughtful donation and assure him that we will remember him in our thoughts and prayers .



## **ALL SAINTS' SUPPORTS**

### **PARISHIONERS AFFECTED BY RECENT FLOODING**

During the recent flooding some parishioners of the parish have been badly affected by flooding, have had everything destroyed and have had to leave their homes.

The Select Vestry will be making donations to those parishioners whose homes have been badly affected. If you would like to contribute, there is a plate at the back of the church where you can leave your donation and the Select Vestry will ensure that it is goes to those concerned.



## **HOSPITAL VISITING**

The Rev David and the Rev Rhys would greatly appreciate it if parishioners would inform the Parish Office if they are going into hospital or have family members in hospital who would like a visit. The ministers cannot visit parishioners if they are not informed that they are in hospital.

## **Christ Church**

All Saints' Clooney would like to express their support and prayers to Archdeacon Robert Miller, Rev Katie McAteer and to the congregation of Christ Church following the atrocious attack on their church which could cost between £50,000-£100,000 to repair the damage which was caused.



The Country Music Night at the White Horse Hotel was a huge success.

The hotel was packed to capacity with country fans who were entertained by Country legends Mick Flavin, Susan McCann, Gary Gamble and a host of other artists.

The film crew from the television programme "Keepin' er Country" which follows country music fans was there filming the Rector who will feature on one of the programmes.

Many parishioners got filmed too and I am sure they too can't wait until they see the programme which will be broadcast later on in the year. We will keep you well posted.

At the concert, the Rector also released a CD to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church. After all the expenses were paid, an amazing £3500 was raised for parish funds.

Everyone who came along thoroughly enjoyed the artists and the entertainment. Thank you to everyone who supported the event. A special word of thanks goes to Andy and Elma Deans, Rhonda Guy, Louise Campbell and Sarah Cox in the parish office for selling tickets etc.



## **ALL SAINTS' DAY SERVICE**

This year on "All Saints Day", Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, All Saints' Clooney will officially celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the consecration of this beautiful church.

**To mark this historic occasion there will be one service on "All Saints Day" at 3pm.**

The service will be conducted by the Archbishop of Armagh the Most Reverend Richard Clarke and the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, the Right Reverend Kenneth Good. The worship will be led by Britannia Band and All Saints' Clooney Choir.

We will also be joined on the day by surviving rectors and curates and clergy from the diocese.

At the service we will remember with thanksgiving the wonderful inheritance which has been passed down to us. We will give thanks to God for all His servants both living and departed who gave rise to the founding, building, maintenance and adornment of this great church. We will give thanks to God for the special memories, both happy and sad we have of this church, as small children brought to be baptised, as teenagers confirmed, God's blessing on our marriage and the sad occasions of the funeral service of a loved one. We will also pray that this church which was set apart for God's honour and service will continue to do so. That those called to minister here will faithfully preach the gospel and faithfully administer the Holy Sacraments. That the Church will continue to flourish and grow in the future.

**I would encourage all parishioners to record this date in your diary and make every effort to come along and give thanks to God for the past 150 years of this wonderful church.**



### **PRAYER ROOM**

Please come along and bring your friends and family to the All Saints' Clooney Prayer Room in the All Saints Centre on Monday 30<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

There will be different areas with different themes to encourage people to engage in prayer.

So why not come along and try something new. You don't have to pray out loud or do anything uncomfortable.

We would really like to encourage people to come along and make this a great event. There will be guest speakers each evening.

# **ALL SAINTS' BLACK, WHITE AND RED GALA 10TH NOVEMBER 2017**

As part of our 150th Anniversary celebrations, we are hosting a Black White and Red Dinner Dance. Now before you go rushing to order a Tuxedo or a Gucci dress, relax, our dress code is smart but relaxed enough for you to boogie so if you have black trousers, white shirt and a red tie, and ladies, just anything you are comfortable in that's black, white and/or red then come and celebrate this momentous year with us at the White Horse Hotel!

## **The Menu will be as follows:-**

Veg Soup Or Honeydew Melon

Supreme of Chicken with gravy & Stuffing  
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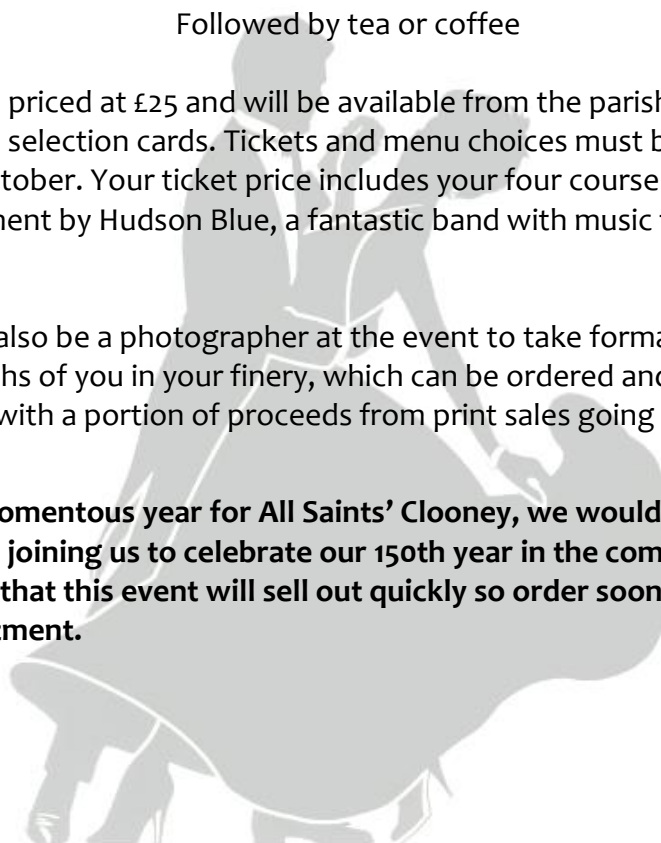
Fresh Fruit Pavlova or Choux Bun with Caramel Sauce

Followed by tea or coffee

Tickets are priced at £25 and will be available from the parish office along with menu selection cards. Tickets and menu choices must be finalised by 29th October. Your ticket price includes your four course meal, entertainment by Hudson Blue, a fantastic band with music for everyone.

There will also be a photographer at the event to take formal photographs of you in your finery, which can be ordered and paid for on the night, with a portion of proceeds from print sales going to church funds.

**This is a momentous year for All Saints' Clooney, we would like to see 150 people joining us to celebrate our 150th year in the community. We anticipate that this event will sell out quickly so order soon to avoid disappointment.**



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